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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—Premier Yuan Shih-kai was reported as being still determined to accept no republic for China, the failure of the peace conference rendering necessary the intervention of the powers.

— W. Morgan Shuster notified the Persian Cabinet he was ready to hand over his accounts to any successor named by it. — A temporary lull in the Russo-Persian fighting was reported interests and their friends "on the inside." It does know that Tammany is in the Russo-Persian fighting was reported at Tabriz. —— A proposal to place a high import duty on American cotton was placed before the Douma in St. Petersburg. —— The Mexican authorities placed that General Reyes be brought to Mexico City for trial; President Madero said Reyes would be judged by a military court. —— The Vatican refused the request of Count Boni de Castellane that his marriage with Anna (Gould be declared null). Gould be declared null.

maries, saying that his failure to do so indicated that he was a candidate for the nomination. —— President Taft modified his order regarding the practice of medicine in the Panama Canal Zone so that Christian Scientists may be admitted to practice. —— Admiral Dewey celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday with friends in Washington. —— Chairman Norman E. Mack of the Democratic National Committee said he was supporting no city for the next national convention. ——— Governor Dix will recommend to the Legislature the erection. of several state buildings, including temple of justice and an executive man Albert H. Vreeder, attorney for Swift & Co., testified in the trial of the indicted meat packers at Chicago; the defendants made an effort to have George Bridges was arrested at Monessen, Penn., with seventy-two sticks of mills of Monessen are operated by non-union employes. —— A panel of three hundred jurymen was summoned for the

was "in the hands of the printer"; and while Chairman Kenneally explained that the Mayor's wishes had been com-Blanck in the witness stand and Mrs. Belmont's suggestion that a Jewish form go to the jury to-day. \_\_\_\_ The man-ager of the National Employment Exhere for clerical workers, and urged said the Board of Estimate would not change the conditions imposed upon institutions receiving money for the care of dependent children, despite objections made by Catholics. A. Boiles resigned the majority leader-ship in the Board of Aldermen for which he was selected at the caucus of the

The temperature yesterday:

ACTUAL ISTHMIAN TRAFFIC

actual volume of traffic which has York and in New Jersey. crossed and is now crossing the isththe most formidable rival of the canal.

pec route was opened and when the Pan-tion and in the fundamental operations ama Railroad was the only transisth- of arithmetic, though they do know N. J., on Christmas Day was pitiable in mian route, the total traffic between the something about various two coasts by that way was valued branches. at only \$6,000,000. The next year Tehuantepec was open, and the volume rose to \$21,000,000. In 1908 it was \$42,-Thus there has been an increase of six-

to its continuance is interesting. been over the Tehuantepec route, and "improved methods of instruction," the car they took to their heels, and is probably the response to and the response to and the response is a much time is required now as finally turned at buy, like rats in a trap, sult of that enlargement of facilities, was needed a generation ago for thor- to fight their pursuers and captors with Thus the \$6,000,000 of 1906 was all at ough instruction in those branches, and tooth and nail. Parama, while of the \$21,000,000 of 1907 it is necessary, therefore, if children are | Thus one life was destroyed outright \$11,500,000 went by way of Tehuantepec. to be well grounded in them, that they and another was blighted with the brand In 1911, of the \$99,000,000, Panama had shall dominate the primary and gram- of manslaughter, all for the sake of only \$26,000,000, while \$73,000,000 went mar school curriculum just as of old. gratifying an unwholesome appetite for across the upper isthmus, Tehuantepec To do otherwise, to say that children reckless and lawless speed. We have thus having nearly three-fourths. Traf- should get along with less thorough in- said that it was an incident of ominous fic at Panama has more than quadrupled, struction in these things in order that suggestion. It is a serious thing to have where once they could best see the 'witchwhile that at Tehuantepec, exceeding they may learn more of civics and the boys in their teens driving ponderous ing smile," says a Paris letter. "Many that at Panama in the very first year of French drama and the art of poetical locomotives through frequented streets competition, is now nearly three times construction, is to say that the founda- at high speed. If such a lad should be asked and these would be asswered had in 1908 and gain about eight hundred thouthe greater and is steadily increasing its tion of the building is to be scamped in drive a horse and buggy at half the speed with the courtesy which a tip usually inpreponderance. It would seem, there order that we may put upon it a loftler that this one attained with his engine spires. The empty space has now been fore, that Tehuantepec is the competitor and more preientious superstructure. he would quickly be punished under the with which the anal has most directly Such a policy is illogical and will prove law as well as disciplined by paternal

westward bound traffic in 1911 practical- greater variety than that with which legal penalty. Yet men of assumed judgthe eastward bound 98 per cent. These pily it is not possible to put a gallon into children to run engines on city streets figures indicate how greatly American a quart jug or to put the schooling of at express train speed, as though they This newspaper is owned and pub- ment which practically exempted coast- school graduates were made able to read and society looks on complacently, affectlished by The Tribune Association, a wise shipping from canal tolls. The fact and write the English language with ing to be surprised and grieved when the New York corporation; office and prin- that through increase of facilities-an ease and correctness, to perform the funcipal place of business, Tribune Build- improved railroad at Panama and a new damental operations of arithmetic with It would not be pleasant to add a ing, No. 154 Nassau street, New York; one at Tehnantepec\_traffic has been so facility and accuracy and to know the single pang or painful thought to the Ogden Mills, president; Ogden M. Reid, enormously encouraged, stimulated and chief facts of geography and history, essecretary; James M. Barrett, treasurer, increased irresistibly suggests that a pecially of our own land and age, they The address of the officers is the office similar though still more marked growth would be more highly as well as more tragedy. But it would be a wrong to let may be effected through the opening of serviceably educated than they are tothe canal. We do not know that our own | day. transcontinental railroads have greatly suffered from the prosperity of Tehuantepec, and it may be that neither they nor Tehuantepec will suffer from the development of a vast and profitable commerce at Panama.

TAMMANY'S BUILDING CODE. officials and more washing of dirty linen than the public is accustomed to expect men in a Murphyized organization. The relative merits of reinforced con-

crete and other fireproofing, of segmental or flat arches, and similar technical details, are things the public does ndering not know much about and is unwilling It says: code's requirements could enrich favored alderman is its sponsor. Tammany's paign managers in Washington attacked ex-President Roosevelt for not withdrawing his name from the Nebraska primaries, saying that his failure to do so indicated that he was a charter for New York City failed, at first because Tammany was under susingleated that he was a charter for New York City failed, at first because Tammany was under susingleated that he was a charter for New York City failed, at charter became known of all men. It is unthinkable that a Tammany building code whose contents nobody knows may become a city ordinance overnight. If the Aldermen jam it through, Mayor Gaynor should knock it out

THE ARMY OF INVESTORS.

"The New York Journal of Commerce" statistics for the year demonstrate that the process of diffusing the ownership of Sunday Tribune on the defects of footindustries in this country continued at ball reflects a wellnigh universal disthe usual rate. Its canvass of ninety-one satisfaction with the development of the railroad corporations with a capitaliza- game in the last few years. The season transactions prior to 1905 excluded tion of \$5,500,000,000 shows that the inin the government's case. == crease in the number of their shareholders was 29.275. This was an increase games had come to depend to a large of 8 per cent, while the increase in their degree on more or less fortuitous indihundred jurymen was summoned for the trial of the Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, of thus become smaller. The same tenthus become smaller with the capitalization. Average holdings by the quickness of one player to take than the capitalization. The same tenthus become smaller with the same tenthus become smaller with the same tenthus become smaller. ing he could not get a fair trial in New York County for bribery in loans of city funds to the defunct Northern Bank.

Zation increased 1 per cent, while the number of shareholders increased 6 per funds to the defunct Northern Bank.

The new rules have built up a game in which offence is penalized and a preent. The average holdings in the two which offence is penalized and a pre-

creased six shares in the year. ments. The gradual absorption of secu- and wait patiently for a scoring chance features of the Triangle case, which will rities by the public will tend to check until somebody on the other side funspeculation. Corporations will no longer bles or a try at goal is blocked. The their shares get into the hands of those hardly ever gain ground within the oppowho intend to hold them permanently, sition's 25-yard line, and the result young men fit themselves for who intend to hold them permanently, sition's 20 yard line, and controller Prendergast and widespread investment in their of this handicap is a fruitless exchange shares will have a sobering influence of punts up and down the fieldupon the anti-corporation agitation.

THE BASIS OF SCHOOLING.

une of Sunday, repeating his former sug- elevens. gestion that children in the schools were THE WEATHER. -Indications for to- being undereducated in an effort to overeducate them, support the conclusions approve his general argument. The dewhich are to be drawn from the revela- tails of proposed changes in the rules tions of a lack of fundamental instruction which have recently been made at The advanced ground taken by the the New Jersey State normal schools, President in the direction of providing partly by an investigating committee of offence ought to be put more on an regulations for traffic through the Pan- the State Board of Education and partly equality with the defence in order to ama Canal, especially with a view to by the principal of one of those schools. promoting commerce under our own flag. There is reason to believe that like gives interest to statistics showing the causes are producing like results in New

The Mayor suggests that an attempt muses as affording a basis for intelli- is made to teach the children too much, gent forecasts of the probable patronage with the result that they are not taught there would be much less occasion for of the canal. It is to be assumed that anything well. "Too much" does not elaborating the forward pass and other practically all the traffic which now mean more than they ought to know, ground-gaining schemes intended to recrosses the lower isthmus, save that of but more than they are able to learn in place running with the ball. Football is local destination, will be transferred the given time. Instead of being con- now largely a game of chance and infrom the Panama Railroad to through fined to three or four studies, they are steam navigation. What will happen at burdened with a dozen. The result is to its former status, in which team play, the upper isthmus can be no more than that they get a mere smattering of all not happy individual inspiration, was the conjectured; but there is reason to ex- and learn none thoroughly. So the deciding factor. Let us hope that next pect, as we have already suggested, that principal of a New Jersey normal school the Tehuantepec Railroad will be by far reports that the high school graduates who come to him are glaringly ineffi-Five years ago, before the Tehuante- cient in English spelling and composi-"higher"

The fault lies not with the pupils, nor chiefly with the teachers, but with the of current practices and tendencies. A system under which too many studies boy of respected family and antecedents 000,000; in 1909, \$62,000,000; in 1910, are prescribed. It is true that the scope and of engaging personality on his way \$82,500,000, and in 1911, \$99,000,000. of human learning and of human intellectual interest has been greatly ex- couple of boy companions in his auto- says a letter from Stockholm, "whose labors teen and a half fold in five years. panded, so that there is now much more These figures, it should be explained, to learn than there was a generation or high speed. Soon the car ran into and eyes of the jury. The editor of the 'Friedrefer solely to American commerce, be- two ago. It is equally true that the injured a young woman. Undeterred and tween our Atlantic and Gulf ports on fundamental branches, which are con- unwarned by this mishap, he "hit it up" the one hand and our own Pacific ports veniently called the "Three R's," are as to higher speed and presently ran into and those of Central and South America | necessary now as they were when they and killed a boy. That was the signal on the other. The growth thus indicated constituted the bulk of ordinary school- for a still higher burst of speed as the tablish the Institut de droit international. is highly gratifying, and speculation as ing. It is also true, we believe, that the driver and his companions endeavored mental and physical powers of children to avoid recognition and arrest. When which this result was attained is publish The major part of this increase has have changed so little that, with all the in their furious flight they had wrecked

disastrous. It cannot be too often or too authority. If a railroad company were Now, of all this volume of commerce, earnestly condemned. No doubt it to intrust to such boys the operation of pose of strength are all in strange con the overwhelming bulk is purely domes- would be a fine thing to have all the locomotives on fixed tracks, from which trast with what the space once held. Will

commerce would profit from an arrange- ten years into five. If all grammar were rolling hoops or playing marbles,

WELSHING.

One of the most despicable persons in the world is the welsher, the man but sneaks out of paying when he loses. The Democratic party in Maryland is about to reveal itself in that The Tammany Board of Aldermen in unenviable character. According to its dying days is treating the city to an "The Baltimore Sun," the Legislature edifying spectacle in the attempt to jam intends to rush through a repeal of charges and insinuations of "special in- be used during Governor Goldsborough's tion in the way of favors for them and der the law the present Governor has cans. The Legislature does not like to even from a Tammany Board of Alder- think what might happen if Republican supervisors should try to give the Democratic organization in the Wilson law counties a dose of its own medicine. "The Sun" frankly admits the real reason for the Legislature's haste to act.

> been doing to them. The Democ manifest no disposition to put power into the hands of their ad The Democrats aries, and it may be assumed that they will be glad to expunge the law.

Heretofore the Wilson law has been stoutly defended by the Democratic press as a proper safeguard against the domination of the illiterate voter. Now the real character of the alleged safeguard is being confessed by the panicstricken Democratic politicians,

amusement on the Democracy's confession of dishonesty and its welsher's anxlety to avoid the payment of a just political debt.

FOOTBALL.

Mr. G. Foster Sanford's article in The

mium is put upon mere defence. That reverses all the traditions of football as This popularization of investment in a sport in which offence was intendeda procedure which becomes exceedingly tiresome to the spectator who cherishes the expectation of seeing some more Mayor Gaynor's remarks in The Trib- definite test between the contending

Mr. Sanford's conclusions in order to have still to be worked out. But we believe that a vast majority of those interested in football will agree that the re-establish the balance of the game. The number of downs allowed to the attack might be increased from three to four or the distance to go reduced from ten yards perhaps to seven or eight. Were a straight attack better rewarded year will see a better balanced game replace the deadlocked model of 1911.

A CHRISTMAS SACRIFICE. The sacrifice of human lives in Orange, the youth and promise of the victims, exasperating in its needlessness and wantonness and ominous in its illustration home from church services picked up a mobile and started on a pleasure ride at

sorrow and bereavement which have already been caused by that Christmas it pass unappreciated, or regarded merely as an unavoidable accident or as an To the Editor of The Tribune. inscrutable dispensation of Providence. It was a flagrant display of juvenile of a new liability amendment as proposed mischief approximating victousness, and mischief approximating viciousness, and easily susceptible of developing into My policy, which is for \$5,000, costs me about wifery within the Canal Zone without a who greedily pockets what he wins criminality. As for the parental carelessness and the social callousness which permit such doings, they have their reward.

This country can well say good riddance to General Bernardo Reyes. He through a new building code. Since the the Wilson trick ballot law, apply- tried his best, or worst, to embroil the revision of the building code was begun, ing to the Southern Maryland and United States with Mexico, while insinmonths ago, there have been more Eastern Shore counties, for fear it may cerely protesting his innocence of all wages get accident insurance at a reasonsuch schemes, and he has now been comterests" seeking very special considera- term to plague its crafty inventors. Un- pelled to surrender himself to the gov- ance as well as the travelling salesman? exclusion of competitors under the terms appointed election supervisors, who have ting. We shall hear no more protesta- much money as, some perhaps even more of the new code, more fighting among rigged up a ballot designed to aid Demo- tions of his regard for American neucratic voters and to embarrass Republi- trality laws, and it is to be hoped that others will profit from his example.

> Order, says a Russian official, is now restored at Resht. So it once reigned at

There will be general sympathy among objections to being portrayed in "fake" If it [the Wilson law] were continued on the statute book the Republicans, having a majority of the election supervisors, could do the same things to the Democrats that the Democrats have rights of privacy as well as ordinary by the courts.

> The Pure Food Board may defy fate with its efforts to declare what real mincement is; but for all time there stands, implacable and impeccable, the immortal dictum, "Veal pie is kittens."

The United States Supreme Court is The Republican party in Maryland going to do what it can to make litigadoes not want the law retained. It is tion within its jurisdiction less costly. willing to give every elector an equal The state courts ought to follow that exchance to cast his vote and have it cellent example. The excessive cost of counted. It can afford to look with the administration of justice is one more burden on the back of the overloaded

> Subway negotiations keep on as busily as ever. But who cares now, since subway building goes on at the same time?

If the reorganization of the Third Avenue Railway Company converts Mr. intelligent management when the road pensions of all soldiers are now liberal and "gets on its feet" again.

Russia has as many grievances against Persia as Æsop's wolf had against the lamb he ate.

If the great Jackson Day dinner of CITY.—Stocks were dull and irregular.

—Charles H. Hyde filed notice of an industrial corporations with a capitalizaapplication for change of venue, declar- tion of \$5,250,000,000. Here the capitali- became so when it surrendered the iniwould have to be searched for concealed Still Alert and Active as a Much

THE TALK OF THE DAY

corporations will have a wholesome ef-fect. The small investor will demand running with the ball may be entirely into effect on January 1, 1912, has been was as busy at his deak in his office, in the Max publicity of corporation operations so neglected and a team can safely trust placed on the retired list of the national Mills Building, as he had ever been. To- a number of others at dinner to-night. that he may be protected in his invest- to kicking in order to defend its goal guard at his own request. "The Albany night he received a few old friends at his Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Noyes were side and Robert Crest. The Misses Ruth mulgated from the office of the adjutant general, says: "Few officers of the guard be run with an eye to Wall Street, as offence is so weighted down that it can Bendell. Fifty years ago last May as a young medical student he donned a soldier's uniform and enlisted in the 39th New York energy as abundant as that of a man many Among the dinner parties which pre-Volunteer Regiment and was at once promoted to hospital steward." When he was charged from the volunteer service in May. 1865, he had reached the grade of surgeon and was brevetted lieutenant colonel. services in the national guard began on September 8, 1886, when he was commisioned surgeon of the 3d Brigade, with the It is not necessary to assent to all of rank of major. He served in that capacity under Generals Parker, Oliver, Lloyd and

Satire is cynicism with which you agree. Cynicism is satire with which you do not -Life.

AN AFTER-CHRISTMAS CAROL Ten little dollars, all of them mine One went to Santy, then there were nine Nine little dollars, at any rate One went to Santy, then there were eight Eight little dollars, saved, by heaven; One went to Santy, then there were sever One went to Santy, then there were six

Six little dollars still alive; One went to Santy, then there were five Five little dollars, would there were more One went to Santy, then there were four.

Four little dollars left to me.

One went to Santy, then there were three Three little dollars, firm and true; One went to Santy, then there were two. Two little dollars-more to be done-One went to Santy, then there was one

One little dollar, all alone It went to Santy, then there was none No little dollars, all are spent; wonder if Santy will pay the rent.

W. J. LAMPTON. The Teacher (wishing to impress the virtues of gratitude and content)—What is it that comes after Santa Claus when he has brought little boys and girls lots of toys and nice things to eat?

Freddy—I know.

The Teacher—What is it, Freddy?

Freddy—The doctor.—Baltimore American.

seem to have been of equal value in the enswarte, Alfred Fried, of Vienna, will three charitable bequests aggregating \$9,00 receive one-half, while the other will go to ber of the Dutch diet, who as a member of the first Hague Conference helped to es-When the history of the jury sessions at it will be found-if reports may be relied upon-that the debates were anything but pacific. What a paradox! It required war to award the peace prize."

"Beauty is only skin deep," quoted the

"Even since the Mona Lisa took flight and vanished from view, the guides in the Louvre have found it difficult to induce their parties to move away from the place From The Scattle Post-Intelligences times every day ridiculous questions would covered. In the place of the smiling Lisa one sees now the bearded Baldassare Casti- From The Washington Post glione, by Raphael. The stern face under a shapeless cap, the folded hands and the tic between ports of the United States children in school thoroughly instructed all other traffic is excluded, it would incur the tourists ever forget the stolen Lina? feet.

and of its insular possessions. Of the in a great variety of studies; even a general condemnation as well as a heavy Probably not. They will still ask: How do ly 85 per cent was of this class, and of they are now overburdened. But unhapment and responsibility permit their stolen? 'Do they know who took it?' etc. has been covered over, for they would like to see it-'it must be so interesting.'

Miss Antique—If a man should kiss me under the mistletce I'm sure I should post-Miss Caustique-Oh, joy never kills.-Philadelphia Record.

ACCIDENTS TO WORKMEN

Insurance Urged as a Better Safeguard than Mr. Stetson's Amendment.

Sir: The Tribune of this morning speaks by Francis L. Stetson. I am a travelling tive order prohibiting the practice of medi-\$9 a year. If hurt through accident the license. The amendment is the result of a company pays me \$25 a week; for loss of one arm, \$2,500, or loss of a leg \$2,500, or if tends to increase the policy to \$10,000 after higher. Cannot skilled workmen like bricklayers,

machinists, firemen, carpenters and hundreds of other tradesmen who earn good able enough sum to get their own insurernment against which he had been plot- Lots of those skilled workmen earn as than, some travelling salesmen. The whole thing is class legislation, and our Board of Trade, Merchants' Association and all employers of labor should denounce any such roposition.

If this bill passes it will put many small manufacturers out of business. There are insurance companies that will insure laboring men. A good business might be worked right minded people with the President's years has been only in the interest of the like the new English law, taxing workmen citizens, and the rights of the latter in for their insurance, I must say that I am

Already several employers of labor have been mulcted for large sums, owing to accidents for which they perhaps were not responsible. It is an unjust law and will for the dance on Friday night. bankrupt many small concerns. JOHN CRAWFORD.

New York, Dec. 24, 1911.

OLD SOLDIERS NOT FOOLS

A Veteran Says Democrats Will Not Gain by Their Trick. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I want to thank you in behalf of a ot of old soldiers, myself one of them, for the editorial in last Sunday's Tribune which refers to the dollar a day pension. That pension bill passed the House as purely a Democratic dodge for votes, not with any idea of helping the old soldier, and they expect it to be turned down in the Senate, as it certainly ought to be. Then they will how! about the Republican Whitridge from receiver into president, Senate-how it has voted against giving New York will be assured of continued aid to the old soldier. The fact is that the were made so by the Republicans almost entirely. I do not believe this vote of the House will work as the Democrats expect it to. The old soldiers are not a pack of fools or beggars, and I believe they will aimost to a man back the Senate to defeat F. O. HILLS. this bill. Torrington, Conn., Dec 26, 1911.

> ADMIRAL DEWEY 74 Younger Man.

Taft and Secretary Hilles.

as brisk, his handelasp as firm and his rooms and on the supper tables. years younger. He appeared in his office ceded the domino party and from which are guests at the Muenchinger King promptly at 9 o'clock and plunged into his the young people went to the dance was work. At intervals he was interrupted to that with the Misses Whiting as receive the greetings and congratulations tesses. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. of almost all the senior officers of the navy Gardiner Bell, Miss Eleanor Crozier Reyand army, and time and again he laid aside burn, Miss Frances Hodges, Miss Adeofficial papers to read some telegram or laide Heath, Miss Mary Webb, Miss Dorfs letter conveying birthday greetings.

miral Dewey, according to custom, went Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Calvert. home to dine with a few guests. His Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCauley had to last word on leaving his office was an as- dine with them to-night, their son-in-law surance that he would head the line of and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Charles naval officers at the New Year's reception O'Donnell Lee, of Philadelphia. at the White House next Monday.

## CARDINALS TO VISIT NAPLES

of Italy Outside Rome. Rome, Dec. 26.-Cardinal O'Connell de

parted early this morning by automobile for Naples. He was accompanied by the Rev. J. F. Coppinger, of Boston. His suite eft shortly afterward by train for the same destination.

Cardinal O'Connell intends to pay a visit o the town of Taormina, in Sicily, and spend a few days there before embarking or Boston.

The Pope, wishing to give a fresh proof of his sentiments toward Cardinal Farley, has fixed his farewell audience with the American prelate for to-morrow, which is Farley's name day the Pontiff wishes to congratulate him personally. Cardinal Farley will leave here on

will remain until his departure for New

Nephew, Cut Off in Woman's Will, Brings Suit to Break It. A contest filed yesterday in the Surre

gate's office of the will of Miss Mary E. Roberts, who died November 8, threatens made by the testatrix. These bequests Mary's Free Hospital for Children, \$2,000, and the Home for Incurables, \$2,000.

Miss Roberts divided the residue of he ant. He alleges that the will of his aunt Wise Guy.

"Yes," assented the Simple Mug. "a girl induence, and that she was not of sound mind when she executed the instrument in

Champ Clark has fixed the programme while done, he says, is "to hold all of the votes we

SAME OLD "SQUARE TOES."

Was it really People and Social Incidents

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Dec. 26 .- The President spent the entire morning with the members of the Economy and Efficiency Commission, discussing the report which will form the basis of a special message to Congress. Mr. Taft will devote nearly the whole week to going over the report. The message will be sent to Congress about January 8.

The Secretary of the Interior reported to the President to-day that if the Sherwood pension bill should become a law it would mean an increase of \$75,000,000 in the annual pension expenditure.

The President to-day amended his execuprotest made by Christian Scientists.

"President Taft is gaining friends at a killed, \$5,000 to my heirs. The company in- rapid rate," said ex-Congressman Bede, of Minnesota. "I have never seen such a January 1, and the rate will not be any change in sentiment toward a man. For a long time he was much misunderstood. Now people are learning to understand him, and every day thousands of men are changing their views regarding him, all favoring his will be dancing. re-election."

Ex-Representative Finley has written to the President, suggesting that the Maine be taken to Annapolis and fitted as a training fist street. ship for midshipmen.

Resolutions favoring the renomination and re-election of the President and promising its support have been received from the Afro-American Civic League of Mary- room, which was used, was trimmed with land.

the annual dinner of the Knights of Co- and this was followed by a cotillon, led by lumbus at Jersey City on January 17; to Stowe Phelps, with Miss Warren for his be the guest of the Bread Manufacturers' partner. The favors included butterflies years has been only in the interest of the laboring man and absolutely nothing for to take part in the St. Patrick's Day celelaboring man and absolutely nothing for the Laboring man and absolutely nothing for a short the employer or manufacturer. The Court bration of the Irish American Society of night and there was dancing for a short Lackawanna County, Penn., and to attend time afterward.

The McKinley Day ceberation of the Mcthe McKinley Day celebration of the Mo-tonstitutional acted very wisely, in my opin-lon. Unless some such scheme is proposed

Kinley Society at Canton, Ohio. The invitations were declined. Mr. Taft will prob- Edgar, Miss Sarah R. Manice, Miss Eleane ably attend the St. Patrick Day celebra- Lawrence, Miss Justine Ingersoll, Miss Noel adver- such cases have been pretty well defined frankly opposed to Francis L. Stetson's tion of the Irish Charitable Seclety of

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Dec. 26 .- The Austrian Ambassador, who has been abroad since Au- party last night for her daughter, Miss gust, is expected to arrive in New York Eugenie A. Philbin, who was introduced to on the Mauretania on January 4. Baroness, society this season. She took her guests to Hengelmüller is not expected until May. The German Ambassador and Countess Mrs. Warren's dance. In the party were

week's visit in New York. Commander Retzmann, German naval at-

spring, when he will be replaced by Commander Boyed. Viscountess Benoist d'Azy, wife of the

naval attaché of the French Embassy, who has just returned to Washington with her husband, after spending the summer in France, has received from the Sultan of Turkey a beautiful decoration, the cross of her guests to see "The Million" and after Cheffatat, of diamonds and rubles, suspended from a ribbon of white and green. The viscountess became a great favorite at the Turkish court in the year that Viscount Benoist d'Azy was stationed in Turkey, in command of a French gunbout, and the decoration is one of the rarest the Sultan can bestow on a woman.

IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

Washington, Dec. 26.-While many dinner parties were entertained to-night, most of them were for the younger members Washington, Dec. 25.—Admirab George of society, and some were followed by in-Dewey celebrated the seventy-fourth anni- formal dancing. Mr. and Mrs. James versary of his birth to-day. Twelve years Marion Johnston and Miss Sophy Johns- Mrs. George F. Harrison, of Washington after all other naval officers are by law ton entertained Miss Taft, Robert Taft who is spending the winter with her son, retired from active service the admiral and Vane Jones, of New Orleans, and Mr. Lieutenant Edward S. Harrison, at For

Evening Journal" in noticing the order, pro- home, among the callers being President hosts at a domino party at Rauscher's Anderson and Alice Dressell, of Washingentertaining one hundred or more young ton, are also of the party. The admiral believes the secret of good people, the friends of Miss Elizabeth have a record equalling that of Colonel health to be congenial employment. His Noves, their debutante daughter. Christadmirers accept his theory, for his walk is mas decorations were used in both ball-

Haywood, Gouverneur Hoes, J. With his desk clear soon after noon, Ad- Smith, Robert Stead, Joseph W. Bailey,

ther guests were Miss Hildegard Nagel Miss Oge, of California; Miss Gladys In galls, Miss Abey Barnard, Miss Margaret Sysons, Miss Britton, Raymond Rogers, Mr. Hickey, Lieutenant Commander Mil- at the Nunnery, in Stockbridge, compli-American Prelates Will See Something ler. Mr. Maugras, French third secre-ler. Mr. Maugras, French third secre-tary; Mr. de Bach. Russian second sec-King and Margaret McQuiston, of New retary; Baron Hardenbrock, German at- York. taché, and Lieutenant Edward McCauley. Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Sturgis, who have Other dinner hosts were Senator and been in Lenox, returned to town to-day. Mrs. Oliver, whose guests were friends Dr. and Mrs. Henry P. Jaques, who are of their daughter, Miss Jean Oliver; Ad- home from Milton, are entertaining Mrs. miral and Mrs. Dewey, who celebrated Francis M. Ware and Robert Ware at the admiral's birthday, and Mrs. Fred Home Farm.

Noves dance. Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond have of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sedgwick ssued invitations for a reception in honor of the Ambassador to Great Britain and Haughton are guests of Miss Catherine Mrs. Whitelaw Reid on the evening of Lawrence. January 12, and on January 2d they will Mrs. William Amory and the Misse ledicated to St. John. As this is Cardinal give a dinner in honor of the Russian Amory arrived to-day at the Gavitt House Ambassador and Madame Bakhmetieff. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy and row for a few days in New York Mrs. Beekman Winthrop will return to- Charles McVeagh, of New York, was at

morrow from New York, where they are tacked by acute indigestion while at dinner the guests of Mrs. Robert Winthrop. THREATEN CHARITY BEQUESTS Reynolds Hitt, wife of the Minister to has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Guatemala, who is with her mother-in-Sedgwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Britton gave a dance to-night for the schoolboy and schoolgirl friends of their daughter. Miss Margaret Britton. Charles Taft was one of the guests.

law, Mrs. Robert H. Hitt. On Sunday,

January 7, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter

will give a dinner in honor of Mrs. Van.

NEW YORK SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting will give a dance this evening at her house in East 72d street.

Mrs. William Ross Proctor has a dance at Sherry's this evening for her debutante

daughter, Miss Vouletti Proctor. Miss Catherine L. Hamersiey gives a uncheon to-day for her cousin, Miss Wint-

fred W. Chisolm.

Mrs. Benjamin S. Guinness will give a Christmas party this afternoon for her young daughter, Tants, at her house in Washington Square North. There will be taubleaus in which Mrs. Guinness's three children will take part, and afterward there

Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry will give a dinner on January 12 at her house in East

Mrs. Schuyler Warren gave a dance last night at Sherry's for her debutante daughter, Miss Hope Warren. The small ball. Christmas greens. There was general The President has been invited to attend dancing in the early part of the evening

Johnston, Miss Claire Bird, Miss Georgia Appleton, Miss Lucy Dahlgren, Miss Char-Robert Taft was joined at the White lotte Delasield, Miss Catherine Hamersley, House to-day by his school friend, J. C. Miss Alida Livingston, Miss Julia Robbins Townsend, of New York, who will remain Miss Anita Emmet, Frederic A. Juillard. Stoddard Hoffman, F. Burrall Hoffman, jr., Bronson M. Cutting, John R. Drexel, jr., Frederick Frelinghuysen, C. S. Cutting and Hermann Oelrichs

Mrs. Eugene A. Philbin gave a theatre the Herald Square and after the play to von Bernstorff returned to-day from a Miss Winifred W. Chisolm, Miss Maud Kennedy, Miss Frances Breese, Miss Josephina Nicoll, Miss Julia Robbins, Miss Eleanor taché, whose transfer was recently an-nounced, will remain here until late in the Miss Katherine Miller, Miss Sarah R. Manice, Vanderbilt Webb, William Manice, Heywood Cutting, P. Cooper Bryce and Richard Duane. Another theatre party last evening was

> daughter, Miss Margaret Kemp. She took the play to Mrs. Fisher's dance. Mrs. Clarence C. Buel gave her appeal hristmas reception for young people yes.

> that given by Mrs. George W. Kemp for her

terday at her house, in East 64th street, She was assisted in receiving by Miss Reatrix and Miss Constance C. Buel. Others assisting were Miss Clare L. Brett, Miss Alice Pine, Miss Marion F. Whitman, Miss Julia Gilbert and Miss J. Gilder.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM NEWPORT. (By Telegraph to The Tribune !

Newport, Dec. 26.-Several cadets from West Point are among the guests of a holiday house party holas e

Improvements are being made to Greystone, the summer residence of Mrs. J. J. Wysong, who intends to occupy the place next season, after a year's absence. Mr. and Mrs. Julian Little, of New York Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jones Colford, fr.,

which will be in honor of the fourth anniversary of their wedding. Mrs. J. Maurice Congdon and the Misses Grosvenor have returned to Providence

are planning a New Year's Eve dinner.

J. H. Colt, of New York, was the guest of Dr. O. W. Huntington to-day Lorillard Spencer, jr., has returned to

IN THE BERKSHIRES.

(By Telegraph to Lenox, Dec. 26 .- Miss Virginia Butler was hostess at a dinner for fourteen to-night

Chapin, whose guests were taken to the! Mr. and Mrs. Elley Sedgwick, of Boston have arrived in Stockbridge and are guests

Miss Allison Haughton and Lawrence

Cortlandt Field Bishop is leaving to-mor-

at the Sedgwick home, in Stockbridge, yes Mrs. French Vanderbilt, of New York terday, and was attended by a physician and Newport, will come to Washington If he is able to travel he will return to New ust after New Year's for a visit to Mrs. York to-morrow. With Mrs. McVeagh, be

TO DODGE AERO CLUB'S RULE | TAFT HEEDS MOTHER'S PLEA

were: St. Luke's Hospital, \$5,000; St. surgent" ballooning association that will be commuted the sentences of four federal free from the authority of the Aero Club prisoners. The pathetic appeal of a prisoners. Either Kansas City or St. Louis is to be she had not seen for twenty-five years. state among four nieces for their kind- the headquarters of the organization. Plans caused the President to commute to experto her during her lifetime, leaving have been forming through the efforts of at once the sentence of William J. Ker \$2,000 to her sister, Mrs. Katherine R. Charles F. Weneker, president of the Mill- who pleaded guilty in 1 at St. Joseph Jackson. The testatrix left out of her will ion Population Club, of St. Louis, and Mo., to counterfeiting. His eight-year term hree nephews and one niece. One of these George M. Myers, head of the Kansas would have expired on April 21, 1912. rephews, Henry J. Roberts, is the contest- City Aero Club. Denver, Salt Lake City, The President also commuted to explor Topeka, Peoria, Chicago and Cincinnati at once the life sentences of Howell Cobb. will probably hold memberships. New bal- an Indian, who pleaded guilty to murder looning rules, it is expected, will be made, at Salpulpa, Ind. T., in 1909 of Charles While the new association will be affili- Hopkins, a negro, convicted of murder in ated with the Aero Club of America, all the District of Columbia in 1894. of its contests will be controlled by West-

> WINTHROP INSPECTS DRYDOCK. Inspection of the new drydock, or as

much of it as could be seen outside the twenty-five feet of water it contained, was the principal feature of a visit to the navy temporarily suspend its ferry service. yard in Brooklyn Yesterday by Beekkuan Winthrop, Assistant Secretary of the Navy have been ordered to disguise themselves in dress suits, white gloves and plug hats, but for Washington. Derdges are at work on the move will hardly be effective, since it is unreasonable to expect them to cut off their work in the wall between the big basin and tide water, but it will be a fortnight before the work is completed.

He station, departing soon after 2 o'clock proming boats from Greenpoint the wall between the big basin and tide the Dock Department is rebuilding the basic light street terminal. As soon as this work is completed. He also went on board some of the ships

Western Insurgents Will Form a New Commutes Sentences of Her Son and

f America is being formed in the West. oner's mother, eighty years old, for the 300

The sentence of Fayette F. Armstrons convicted at Fort Smith, Ark., of violatins the retail liquor license law, scheduled to expire on May 20, was shortened by month and a half.

The Interborough Ferry Company will

ginning to-merrow merning, from East 19th street, Manhatlan, to Greenpoint avenue.